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by WALLACE IRWIN

CRIMES OF THE EXTRA SESSIONISTS

To Editor Sunday Star, who doubtless objects to Extra Sessions in the Newspaper business.

Dear Sir:

W HILE me & Nogi was at the Penn R. Station in N. Y., settling softly in the waiting room, one mysterious Suffragette wearing black veil and harem skirt approach up and dictate following whisper in our ear.

"Togo & Nogi, elope to Wash, D. C. where Extra Session will soon be shot off. All Senators are unhappy because of this. It is crime. Why should they be made to stay after school? Child Labor Laws should prevent it. When Ladies vote there shall be no such scandals. I wish you to investigate this overworked condition and report to Female Republican Club, New York."

Saying such she poked 2 Pullman sleeping-tickets in our hands and depart offwards.

"Should we go to this performance?" require Nogi flabily.

"Certainly should," I snagger. "We would go to Inferno if free tickets was furnished."

So we make suburban foot-prints to train.

When next I observed me & Nogi was watching Washington. This great Patriotic Headquarters was completely filled with tired intelligence. Senators sat around restaurants sending colored postage-cards to their constituents showing portrait of Capitol Bldg labelled distinctly. "An exhibit from Home splendor fuddles in vain." Corporation lawyers occupied all lobbies and attempted to look bewitched whenever a High Tariff Senator passed.

I observed one Congressman enjoying tears through his Chitauqua eyelids.

"Why should it weep?" require one Illinois statesmanship.

"Home, sweet home!" say him with gushes. "That far-off locality, from which I came, never appeared more sweeter than now. It is spring in O-Hio. Blossom-buds are dancing everywhere. All Nature calls to recreation and Major Pond invites me to the lecture platform. I am losing \$10,000 by this Extra Session."

Hon. Illinois smile coyly.

"Why do you make joke-mouth?" suggest Hon. O-Hio.

"Because-so," say him. "I cannot sympathize with anybody who longs to go Home and talk with his constituents. I voted for Senator Lorimer."

Numberous Merchants' Associations and Chamber of Commercies marched by with schedules and discouraging conversation. Many Senators fainted by

fatigue when they seen these. Others made tinker noises resembling revision downward. Now and occasionally we observed loud explosions from dry-goods, deploy Hon. Minneapolis. "Are not prices high enough already?" require Hon. Detroit.

"It shall be our continuous attempt to reduce them prices," snagger Hon. Minn. "Hon. Tariff are like any other fat lady," suggest Hon. Det. "The more

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TOTAL Eclipse of the Sun—Unusual Position of the Great Dipper—How Stars Are Formed—Jupiter Now in the Evening Sky.

By Prof. Eric Doolittle of the University of Pennsylvania.

IT is only the most enthusiastic student of the heavens who will devote much time to the study of the stars in midwinter, and yet it is on these cold, clear evenings that they shine most brightly, and that by far the most brilliant and remarkable constellations are spread out above us. As summer approaches, and the warm April evenings tempt us to go out of doors, we may indeed see a wilderness of wonderful and interesting things in the sky, for such things may be found at whatever time of the year we choose to look for them, but the beautiful Milky Way and the brilliant star groups of winter no longer shine out so brightly as to attract the attention of even a careless observer.

April is a kind of transition month between the bright stars of winter and the fainter groups of summer. The magni-

cent Orion, the striking and interesting Taurus with its Hyades and Pleiades, the bright Gemini, the brilliant Dog Star, Sirius, and the winter branch of the Milky Way—all these have sunk near the ground in the west, and in a few weeks more will have disappeared from our evening sky. It is, in fact, our last opportunity to see them until they reappear again with the approach of another winter. Meanwhile, in the east, the great summer group, Virgo, has entirely entered the heavens, while the faint groups Libra and Serpens are just emerging from below the ground. It will not be until next month that the very large, faint group Ophiuchus will have appeared, and not until July will the whole southern part of the heavens be filled with the great faint summer constellations.

The observer will at once notice the unusual position of the Great Dipper. In November we saw it below the pole, apparently resting in an upright position on the ground, and as the months went by it climbed steadily upward until it is now directly overhead, at the very highest point of the heavens. In this position it looks much smaller than when it is seen lower down, for the sun and moon and all star groups seem to us to be largest when they are near the horizon. That this is merely an optical effect can be shown very easily. For when the bodies are low in the sky it is only necessary to hold a paper or other opaque object in such a position that all the ground and trees and other things on our earth

which seem to be between us and them are hidden from our view, when they at once shrink to their usual sizes.

The possessor of a small telescope will find many most interesting objects in this region. The stars at A and B are most beautiful doubles, and there are most satisfactory objects for observation, even with a very small telescope.

The double at A is a real system of two stars, the brighter of these is itself made up of two stars, 140,000,000 of miles apart, which revolve around one another in only one hundred and four days, so that they move with the enormous speed of one hundred miles a second. These two stars together weigh forty times as much as our own sun. North of this remarkable triple system there is the faint little Rider, known to the Arabs as Alcor, or the Lost or Neglected One.

Almost in a straight line between F and D, but a little nearer the latter, there is a very brilliant red star, known as La Superba, which is the brightest star of its class in the sky. These kinds of

the two are approaching us at the rate of eleven miles a second.

Almost in a straight line between the star E and the great Arcturus at K, there is a round cluster of thousands of stars packed so closely together that the center is nothing but one blaze of light. And at L, just southwest of the handle of the dipper, there is the wonderful Whirlpool Nebula, a great, bright, nebulous cloud, whose material is shrinking together under its own gravitation is becoming arranged in a spiral form. Recent researches into the development of the stars leave very little room for doubt that this spiral cloud will continue to contract, but that so far from at last forming a single, hot sun, it will be transformed into a central sun which will completely across the constellation Taurus.

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From this recent discovery a very remarkable conclusion follows. It is known that a majority of all the nebulas of the

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saturn is now too near the sun to be observed; April 30 it passes behind the sun and enters the morning sky.

Mars is also in the morning sky, rising about three-and-one-half hours before sunrise. It is now rapidly approaching the earth, and is, therefore, growing brighter.

"Mercury reaches its greatest distance east of the sun April 14 and may be seen for a few days before and after this time shining out in the twilight glow, low

down in the southeast, very near the bright, double star N. Figure 1. Throughout the month it will move slowly westward from this star.

The very brilliant Venus is running so rapidly eastward in the heavens that during the month it will pass almost completely across the constellation Taurus. It has now mounted so high in the sky that it may be seen for two-and-one-half hours after sunset; the attention of the observer cannot fail to be arrested by the sight of this beautiful evening star. In the telescope the planet is now a more than half full; it will not assume the form of a crescent until next July.

April 1, the planet will be seen very near Venus, but a little below it; observers in the southern hemisphere will see the planet hidden by the moon at this time.

Figure 1—THE CONSTELLATIONS APRIL 1 AT 9 P. M. (IF FACING SOUTH HOLD THE MAP UPRIGHT; IF FACING WEST HOLD "WEST" BELOW; IF FACING EAST HOLD "EAST" BELOW; THE MAP INVERTED.)

Figure 2—THE PATH OF THE MOON'S SHADOW OVER THE EARTH.

Figure 3—TO SHOW THE TIMES OF ECLIPSE AND THE APPEARANCE OF THE SAME AS VIEWED FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE ECLIPSE WILL NOT BE VISIBLE TO OBSERVERS ABOVE THE LINE A B C.

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stars are believed to be suns so old that their light is nearly smothered under the heavy vapors which surround them; they are suns whose life history is nearly over. All of the stars of the great dipper, except the one at B, are hot, bluish stars in nearly this condition; the latter, the star B, has progressed so far in its development that it is in almost exactly the same state as our own sun. This last sun has a smaller sun revolving around it, and

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